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MARGINAL COLUMN
BY NISSIM REJWAN

COLONEL Nasser's new, anti-Communist crusade, which he launched in his Victory Feast address at Port Said on Tuesday, was as curiously timed as it was original. It was only the night before that reports had come from Cairo that five new airfields and a number of new factories were to be built in Egypt with Soviet funds, a move which must have added to the excitement created in the U.A.R. capital over Moscow's help in the first stages of the High Dam in Aswan. Yet in both Cairo and Damascus "leftist Arab elements," supposed to be working against Arab nationalism, had been attacked in the press and on the Radio throughout last week in a thinly disguised reference to the policy of Brigadier Abdul Karim Kassem who, though no Communist himself, is said to have fallen under the spell of Iraqi Communists.

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IT may well be that this brand of two-facedness is in fact the stuff of Nasser's doctrine of positive neutralism, and that (as some maintain) the U.A.R. President is perfectly logical in taking two wholly different attitudes: one towards the Soviet Union and the other towards his own Communists. Cairo's criticism is, however, no longer confined to local Communists, and doubts concerning Soviet policy *vis-a-vis* the Arab nationalist movement as a whole are being expressed in Egyptian circles. Writing in Saturday's "Al-Ahram," for instance, Muhammed Hasanain Haikal, the paper's Editor and a close friend and collaborator of Nasser's, asked whether Moscow had changed its attitude to this movement. (With mock naiveté of a very special kind, Haikal dismissed as remote the possibility that the Soviet Union would abandon her support for Arab unity in favour of mere Communists. Haikal added, significantly, that Arab nationalism was seeking to restore friendship with the West.)

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THE same craving for the West's friendship seems to inform Nasser's latest pronouncements. Mr. Joseph Alsop, the American columnist, has revealed that Nasser has told him that he thought the time had come for the normalization of relations between the U.A.R. and the U.S., what with the danger of a Communist take-over in Iraq becoming so imminent. Alsop seems convinced that the danger of Communism in Iraq is worrying the Egyptian leader as nothing did since the Suez Canal crisis, and that Nasser would gladly accept his chief challenger, Brigadier Kassem, as his friend and brother if only the latter succeeds in staving off this mortal danger.

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IT is to be noted that in all these expressions of concern and commiseration Cairo is careful to identify "Arab Nationalism" with Nasserism while, on the other hand, all those who are opposed to Nasser's hegemony over other Arab countries are labelled "Communists" and "Leftists." If we are to believe Cairo's version, the struggle going on today in Iraq and Syria is one between Arab nationalists and Communists — with hardly anyone in the middle. On the Communist side there are, it would appear, Iraq's various national, ethnic and religious groups, including over a million Kurds and the 2.5m.-strong Shi'i minority whose members view with alarm any move towards closer Arab unity, while Syria's Druse, Kurdish, Christian and other minorities all seem to belong to the same group. This is not to mention those Iraqi and Syrian patriots who do not wish to see their countries become "regions" in Nasser's proposed Arab empire.

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THIS being so, one may ask who are the so-called Arab nationalists whom Cairo depicts as the only bulwark against Communism in Iraq? They seem to consist of the relatively negligible Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party in Iraq (a branch of the Syrian party), the followers of the ousted Colonel Abdul Salam Aref, and members of the family of the one-time pro-Nazi Rashid Ali el-Gailani and their friends — all of whom are diehard Nasserists who have been agitating for the immediate merger of Iraq with the United Arab Republic. The rest of the Iraqis seem suddenly to have become Communists, with the notable exception of tribal chiefs and big land-owners whom Cairo considers relics from the Middle Ages and whom, ironically enough, it now welcomes into the Arab nationalist movement.

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THE fact is that Nasser cannot tolerate the existence of an Arab leader who defies his authority as Brigadier Kassem does. It now appears certain that talk about the Communist danger in the Arab world and Cairo's earnest desire to "normalize" its relations with Washington in an attempt to quell this danger is a mere cover for President Nasser's determination to get rid of Kassem in the same way as his old rival, Nuri es-Said, was eliminated.

Jerusalem, December 25.

Budget Adopted By Cabinet Majority

By AMOS MELAMEDE, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The IL1,137m. State Budget for 1959/60 was on Wednesday approved by the Cabinet with only the Mapai Ministers (except one — Mr. Kadish Luz) voting in favour, the Ahdut Ha'avoda and Progressive members abstaining, and Mapam voting against, it was reliably learned. Mr. Luz abstained.

The Cabinet held a three-hour extraordinary session to conclude its discussion on the budget which it began last Sunday. The Cabinet spokesman announced merely that the State Budget for 1959-60 was adopted.

It is learned that the Budget Bill will be tabled in the Knesset in a week's time and that the Minister of Finance, Mr. L. Eshkol, will deliver the budget speech before he leaves for the U.S. on January 6.

The budget draft was slightly amended at Wednesday's meeting. The Development Budget was increased by IL2m., which will go to local authorities. This will be balanced by a IL1.5m. loan from the National Insurance Institute and IL500,000 from as yet unspecified cuts in various items of expenditure. It is understood that it was the increase in the local authorities' allocation which induced the Ahdut Ha'avoda Ministers to agree to abstain, although they had originally been prepared to vote against the budget.

The Progressive member, Justice Minister P. Rosen, also abstained after failing to secure passage of a tax reform which he had introduced at the meeting. The Cabinet decided to postpone the discussion of Mr. Rosen's proposal until its next session, on Sunday.

Mapam's opposition stemmed from its objection to the proposed Development Budget which, the Party claims, should be increased. It also objects to the tax system, calling for a higher proportion of direct taxation in relation to indirect taxation.

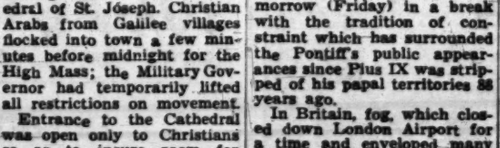
Mr. Luz's abstention, which came as a surprise, reflected his opposition to the cuts in the agricultural development budget.

It is expected that, before the budget is brought before the Knesset, the Finance Ministry will make slight amendments to meet, as far as possible, the requests of the Ministry of Agriculture. In the unlikely event of the Cabinet on Sunday approving the Progressive Party's tax reform, more far-reaching changes in the proposed budget will have to be made.

It is doubtful, however, whether any immediate Coalition crisis will result from Wednesday's Cabinet discussion. The Knesset has three months in which to debate the budget proposals, allowing time for further amendment and reconciliation of divergent views.

The official communique said:

The Cabinet completed its consideration of the draft budget for 1959/60 at a special session on Wednesday. It was decided to present the draft budget to the Knesset after the Minister of Finance agreed to several changes decided on by the Cabinet.



Chatting Amiably *during movement of Christmas pilgrims at Mandelbaum Gate on Tuesday were Israel and Jordan officials who arranged details for smooth crossing. They are Mr. S. B. Yeshaya, Jerusalem District Representative (left foreground), and Mr. Najati Nashashibi, Jordan Foreign Ministry liaison (right). Mr. R. Levy is in the centre and Police Officer Buchner at the left.* (Story Page 3).

World-Wide Pilgrimage To Nazareth for Christmas

By CHRIS ELIOU, Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Pilgrims from all parts of the world converged Wednesday on this ancient town where Jesus spent his youth, and on the Church of the Annunciation where, according to Christian tradition, the Archangel, Gabriel, informed Mary that the child she was about to bear would be the Messiah.

A dry cold enveloped the town at night when many groups of tourists, including 19 British servicemen and their families from Cyprus, and American servicemen from Germany, arrived for midnight mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Christian Arabs from Galilee villages flocked into town a few minutes before midnight for the High Mass; the Military Governor had temporarily lifted all restrictions on movement.

Entrance to the Cathedral was open only to Christians so as to insure room for worshippers in the few hundred pews. High Mass was also held at Notre Dame De Nazareth for U.N. and diplomatic personnel unable to go to Bethlehem.

Souvenir shops stayed open to cater to the busloads of tourists from Ghana, Liberia, Switzerland, Thailand, Sweden, France, the U.S. and Cyprus.

The Military Governor's representatives continued on Wednesday to distribute toys and other gifts among Catholic orphanages. Children at the St. Anne convent were given hoola-hoops. The role of Father Christmas was taken by Rav-Seren A. Katz, representing the Military Governor.

Pope Goes Among The Unfortunates

Pope John is due to visit two Rome hospitals this Christmas morning and the prisoners in the City's ancient "Queen of Heaven" jail tomorrow (Friday) in a break with the tradition of constraint which has surrounded the Pontiff's public appearances since Pius IX was stripped of his papal territories 88 years ago.

In Britain, fog, which closed down London Airport for a time and enveloped many parts of the country, heralded a grey rather than the traditional white Christmas.

About 600,000 Parisians, meanwhile, were pouring out of the French capital to snatch a few days' holiday in the country or at Alpine resorts.

Busiest people in most countries were the postal authorities— in Britain alone 555m. Christmas cards were reported to have been mailed.

Two Escaped Ramle Convicts Recaptured

RAMLE. — Two Arab prisoners who fled from the Ramle penitentiary at midday on Tuesday were recaptured the same evening. Both were working in the prison garage, which is outside the walls.

One prisoner, who had served four months of a four-year sentence, ran off in the direction of Lydda. He was recognized there and was immediately arrested by a policeman who knew that he ought to be in jail.

The other, who had served two months of a 32-month sentence, fled towards Ramle and towards evening reached Be'er Ya'acov. He was recognized as well, apprehended and turned over to the police.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

A 38-year-old man was stabbed late Wednesday night at 2 Rehov Pinsker, opposite the Megrabi Cinema, Tel Aviv. He was being operated on at midnight at the Municipal Hadassah Hospital. A man of 25, who had been released from jail Tuesday, was arrested on the spot. According to the police, both victim and suspect are "known underworld types."

A four-engined Air France plane on its way from France to Vienna crashed on Wednesday near Schwechat Airport, Austria, and burst into flames. It is feared that all the 25 passengers and six crew were killed.

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Locusts Thick In Negev, Some Reach Sharon

Jerusalem Post Staff

Clouds of red locusts descended on the Sharon and Natanya on Wednesday en route northwards, while in the far south of the country what is believed to have been the biggest concentration this year was sighted.

In the coastal plain, swarms of the pests landed on newly-ploughed fields or hailed down on groves and hedges.

Clouds of locusts descended on Moshav Rishpon and Kibbutz Shefayim near Herzliya.

Between kilometres 9 and 20 north of Eilat, a huge swarm covered an area of over 60,000 dunams. Plant Protection Department personnel said it was the most extensive locust invasion in their experience and that the branches of acacia trees were bent under their weight.

The road to Eilat was stained a deep red from the tens of thousands of locusts squashed by passing vehicles.

Two Stearmans, which spray twice as much insecticide as Piper Cubs, each made 16 flights over the swarm. The pests were still not obliterated, however, and operations will be continued on Thursday (today) when they are expected to move north.

The Jordan Agriculture Ministry announced on Tuesday that huge swarms had started invading the country from the Saudi Arabian desert, Reuter reported from Amman.

Institute Guard Held on Spy Charge

TEL AVIV. — A supernumerary watchman at the Weizmann Institute was detained on November 23 on suspicion of espionage on behalf of a foreign state, the police spokesman announced on Wednesday.

The suspect, an immigrant of 10 years' residence, is expected to be brought to court within a few days, it is learned. He will be charged under Paragraphs 22 and 23, Penal Amendment Law (State Security) of 1957.

He first aroused suspicion last year, and the Security Service (Shin Bet) had been keeping a check on him since that time. In the three months before his arrest, the man's activities at the Institute became even more suspicious, it is learned.

Driver Dies, 8 Hurt In Haifa Accident

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The fatal corner at the junction of U.N.O. Avenue and Tiberias Road claimed another life on Wednesday afternoon in an accident which brought injury to eight other persons.

A taxi driven by Kalman Vinitzky, 50, its brakes apparently out of order, rolled down U.N.O. Ave. at a dizzy speed, and crashed into a steel rope fence erected after another fatal accident earlier this year at the lower end of the street, where it meets Tiberias Road.

The driver died shortly after admission to the Rothschild Hospital. He is survived by his wife and one child.

Eight passengers, among them four-year-old Dvora Yahalom, were injured, but none of them critically.

The child is the most seriously hurt, and is still in hospital.

Vinitzky had driven a cab for about 15 years, and was known to be a cautious driver.

But for the steel rope at the turn, the death roll would have been much higher, police declared.

Jeep Hits Train In Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV. — A jeep crashed through the level-crossing barrier near Beit Hadar at 8.15 on Wednesday evening and crashed head on into an empty passing train. The jeep was completely smashed but the driver, Shalom Shabbat, of this city, and his passenger, Menahem Miller, sustained only light injuries. They were given first aid, but Shabbat was later taken to the Municipal Hospital.

The barrier at this crossing — a bar at chest height — is worked manually. Eye-witnesses told *The Jerusalem Post* that the red light on the barrier was not lit when the accident took place.

ATLAS FLIES 6,500 kms.

Atlas *intercontinental missiles were brought nearer operational status when the U.S. Airforce successfully fired one 6,500 kilometres over the Atlantic on Wednesday, Reuter reports. Modifications in the latest model included changes to the tail skirts and the propulsion system plumbing. In the UPI photo above the Atlas which sent the four-ton satellite, SCORE, orbiting the globe on Friday, is seen hurtling into space from the Cape Canaveral launching site in Florida.*

(SCORE over Jerusalem—Page 3, Col. 6)

Officers Drafted To China Communes

PEKING (Reuter). — Chinese army officers are being drafted to People's Communes to help the current drive to "re-organize and consolidate" these new basic social units where peasants are being organized for communal living on military lines.

These officers — of a "firm political standpoint" and above the level of company commander — will serve as ordinary workers under the guidance of local Communist party authorities and make themselves "at home among the masses of Commune members," according to the instructions of the army's general political department, quoted by the Communist Party newspaper "People's Daily."

Before going to the Communes, officers will attend short training courses to study the recent Party resolution and other plans for reorganizing Communes, the paper said. The resolution, published last week, ordered that the country's Communes — estimated to total more than 26,000 — be "tied-up, checked-over, and consolidated" by next April.

6 KILLED IN FOG CRASH

BOURNEMOUTH, Southern England. — Six persons died when a B.O.A.C. Bristol Britannia airliner with 11 aboard crashed in dense fog near Hurn airport on Wednesday on a crew training flight from London Airport.

The Britannia roared near the ground, crashed through telephone wires, narrowly missed a cyclist, bounced in a field and distintegrated in a small wood. Three cows were killed by the scattered wreckage. *(Reuter, UPI)*

Eshkol Reiterates 'Cow Not Sacred'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The fact that dairy farming had been emphasized in the early days of agricultural pioneering in Israel "does not mean that the cow had become sacred," the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, told the Histadrut Agricultural Council which opened here on Wednesday night.

Rebutting objections to his recent announcement that dairy farmers would have to reduce their herds, the Finance Minister said that there was just not enough pasture or water to support the cattle. For simple economic reasons, agriculture would have to turn increasingly to industrial crops.

He denied that it was the import of dairy products which had undermined the viability of dairy farming, but pointed out that the butter and cheese which we had imported had been conditional to our receiving other, more essential U.S. farm surplus.

On the other hand, Mr. A. Weidler, head of the Agricultural Council, declared that until we produced 143 litres of milk per capita annually it was too early to talk of overproduction. He agreed however that future planning must be aimed at growing export crops.

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EOKA Offers Cease-Fire

NICOSIA (Reuter). — The Eoka leader Dighenis, in leaflets circulated here Wednesday afternoon, offered to "cease all our activities provided the British side does the same."

The terrorist movement's leaflet said: "We are ready either for a prolongation of the struggle or its end — let Britain choose."

The Governor of Cyprus, Sir Hugh Foot, called his top military and civil advisers for an urgent exchange of views on the truce bid. By late at night there was no official comment.

The operational position currently shows reduced activity. Informed quarters believe the British Army, though reserving freedom of action, would restrict their activities for the present to maintaining law and order.

Both sides thought practical steps should be taken at once leading to armistice talks to consolidate peace terms.

In Athens, the Greek Foreign Minister Mr. Averoff declared on Wednesday that the exiled Cypriot Bishop Kyprianos "has again become an instrument of dark infernal political aims."

Kyprianos said on Tuesday that the policy of compromise over Cyprus imposes mobilization of all national forces and that the only will of Greek Cyprus was union with Greece, sanctified by the armed struggle of Eoka.

Mr. Averoff said this statement conflicts with the will of the Greek majority of the Cypriot people as expressed by their leader Archbishop Makarios and their freely-elected local leaders.

Foreign Ships Sunk' As Celebes Rebel Port Falls

TOKYO (UPI). — Indonesian loyalist forces have captured the key rebel port of Inbonto in the North Celebes, sinking "some foreign ships" in the process, it was reported from Jakarta on Wednesday night.

The New China News Agency, quoting Indonesian news reports, said the ships were suspected of having been used for smuggling arms to the port, but it gave no information on the number of vessels involved or their nationality.

$100M. U.S. LOAN TO ASSIST INDIA

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. on Wednesday made available an $100m. loan to India to assist her five-year economic development plan.

The loan will be used to finance imports of railway equipment, steel and electrical equipment as well as machinery and other capital goods.

In tomorrow's 12-Page issue of
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UAR Seeks West's Aid While Clinging to Russia

New Morocco Gov't Strongly Leftist

RABAT, Morocco (UPI). — King Mohammed V on Wednesday installed a new Government dominated by the nationalist Istiklal party and strongly orientated towards the left.

The Government is headed by Abdallah Ibrahim, Under-Secretary of State for Finance in the former Cabinet of Premier Ahmed Balafrej which collapsed on November 22. It includes six members of the Istiklal party and six "independents" who could offset the strong leftist trend.

Technically, the main task of the new Government is to tide Morocco over until new Parliamentary elections scheduled for six months' time. But in the meantime it was expected to concentrate on strengthening Morocco's ties with the East bloc, represented in Rabat by strong Soviet, Chinese and satellite diplomatic and trade missions.

Apart from the advent to power of Ibrahim, who is also Foreign Minister, another significant move was the appointment of Driss M'hammedi, an equally dynamic Istiklal leftwinger, as Interior Minister, in control of police.

Nasser's Power Seen Waning

LONDON. — Abdul Nasser's speech in Port Said on Tuesday, in which he threatened the Syrian Communists: "We shall smite down anybody who is opposed to Arab nationalism," is seen by political circles in London as a sure indication that his strength is on the wane.

His open denunciation of the Syrian Communists is also seen as the first step towards reconciliation with the West, and it is believed that Nasser himself is as worried as the West over the rapid spread of Communism in the Arab world.

But there were also warnings in some British and U.S. newspapers against regarding Nasser as a potential counterweight to Soviet influence in the Middle East.

Nasser's grateful reference in his speech to the Soviet Union's multiple aid to the U.A.R. was regarded by Western observers in Cairo as indicating his belief that his attack against Arab Communism would not jeopardize close and friendly relations with Moscow.

Ever since the Soviet arms deal in 1955, there had been no public criticism of Communists on Nasser's part, although Communism has been suppressed in Egypt.

Although he specifically referred only to Syrian Communists, observers viewed his attack as being related more to the Communist conflict with the Nasserists in Iraq.

Moscow Suppression

Moscow radio, in its Arabic service on Tuesday evening, gave a 75-word summary of Nasser's speech omitting all reference to his anti-Communist attack.

Five Baghdad newspapers severely curtailed their reports of Nasser's speech and deleted his attack on the Syrian Communists. Two other newspapers published the text of the speech.

"The New York Times," in an editorial prepared for Wednesday's editions (which did not go to press because of the deliverymen's strike), said: "This is indeed a novel role for the Egyptian dictator who, though suppressing Communists at home, nevertheless filled his arsenals with Moscow's arms and gold and in return opened the gates of the Middle East to Moscow's agents."

The London "Daily Telegraph," arguing that Nasser was as much a prisoner of anti-Westernism as of Soviet influence, said: "There are people in the West — some, it may be suspected, in the American State Department — who are likely to draw misleading conclusions from Nasser's denunciation of Arab Communists yesterday."

(Since this summer, Nasser has suffered a series of reverses in Jordan, the Lebanon and Iraq, and now in the Syrian subversion. The initiative has slipped from his hands. That it has been seized by the Communists poses new problems for Western policy. But it is an illusion to suppose that these could be solved by trying to cast Nasser in the role of a Middle East Tito."

(INA, Reuter)

U.S. and Russia To Sell Wheat to Egypt

CAIRO (Reuter). — Agreements by the U.S. and the Soviet Union to supply wheat to the U.A.R. were signed on Wednesday, it was announced here.

The agreement with the U.S., signed by the American envoy, Mr. Raymond Hare, and the U.A.R. Minister of Economy el-Kaissouni, provides for the supply of 200,000 tons of wheat and flour at a price of $21.3m. plus $3.6m. transport payable in Egyptian currency.

The agreement with the U.S.S.R. provides for the supply of 200,000 tons of wheat early in 1959.

The wheat supply agreement with the U.S. was seen by observers as the beginning of the thaw in American-U.A.R. relations after two years of estrangement.

They recalled that in the past Abdul Nasser has denounced the U.S. for refusing, immediately after the Suez crisis, to supply Egypt with wheat and medicines unless payment was made in dollars.

Soviet Statement on Berlin Due; Work for Pupils Bill Passed

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The Deputies of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) asked the Government on Wednesday for statements on Berlin and the nuclear tests talks.

The requests were made by Deputies of both houses — the Council of Nationalities and the Council of the Union — sitting separately on the third day of the current session.

A statement by the Government in reply is expected from Foreign Minister Gromyko during a joint session of the two houses, probably on Thursday (today) or Friday.

Tass reported that the Supreme Soviet has adopted a law reorganizing the school system along lines proposed by the Central Committee of the Communist Party. The law provides that children must take part in socially useful work at the age of 16.

Lopsided Schooling

The law was proposed on Tuesday by the President of the Academy of Educational Science, Prof. Ivan Kairov, who told the Supreme Soviet that it was needed to prevent lopsidedness in educational emphasis, quoting an old Russian proverb: "White hands like other people's work."

According to the plan, elementary education will cover eight years, and then secondary education will continue in different kinds of schools and in factories. Three days of the week will be spent by boys and girls in work in factories, and three in study. Vocational and technical schools are to be standardized. The course of study in such schools will be three years in town and one or two years in rural areas.

The Minister for Higher Education said in his speech that the reform is to be spread over a period of three to five years. In 1965, there will be two million students combining work and study.

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U.S. Studies Bid For Talk on Europe

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The State Department on Wednesday began a careful study of Russia's latest statement on Germany and European security to see whether it is mere propaganda or offers hope for serious East-West talks.

The Soviet announcement by Tass, the official Russian news agency, said the Soviet Union was willing to discuss European security provided the East-West talks are not conditional on a preliminary settlement of the German question.

The recent Nato communique in Paris called for a definite link between settlement of the two problems.

Diplomatic sources in London said the Russian statement slammed the door to any negotiated settlement of the German problem. But officials here were not so fast to react. They said the State Department had just received the full text of the Tass statement and begun an immediate careful study.

DAG IN GAZA AFTER TRIP TO SINAI TIP

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold returned to Gaza on Wednesday afternoon from a brief visit to the UNEF detachment at Sharm e-Sheikh, to spend Christmas with the main body of the U.N. force.

Immediately after the holiday, the U. N. Secretary-General will fly to Khartoum and then Addis Ababa. He is expected in Jerusalem on December 31 for talks with Premier Ben-Gurion and will then proceed to Amman, Riadh and Cairo.

The Lebanese Foreign Minister, Hussein Aweini, flew to Riadh on Tuesday for a four-day visit to King Saud, "El Jihad" has reported.

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Social & Personal

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, on Wednesday received Mr. and Mrs. Mort Weiner and Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Kessler of Los Angeles. In the afternoon, Mrs. Weiner, the chairman of the Arrangements Committee of the Israel-France Fashion Show, and Mrs. Kessler, co-chairman of the committee, were entertained to tea at the home of Mrs. Paula Ben-Gurion.

In the evening, the visitors were entertained at the home of Mr. Theodore Kollek, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office.

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Mr. John W. Cooper, the Liberian Minister of Commerce and Agriculture, on Wednesday called on the President of the Manufacturers' Association, Mr. Aric Shenkar, in Tel Aviv. He was accompanied by the Hon. Consul of Liberia, Mr. Shlomo Moriel.

The National Committee of the Jewish National Fund-Keren Hayesod has decided to launch a campaign for funds to inscribe Mr. Shenkar in the J.N.F. Golden Book on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

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Lady Parker, wife of the Lord Chief Justice of England, earlier this week visited the WIZO Baby Home in Jerusalem. She was shown round by Dr. Helena Kagan.

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The incoming District Commissioner of the Northern District, Mr. Avraham Khalifon, was introduced to the senior officials of his office in Nazareth on Wednesday by the Director General of the Ministry of Interior, Mr. I. Shvo.

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The Bloomenson Foundation has awarded four scholarships totalling IL1,000 to students of the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem on the occasion of the birthday of its founder, Mr. Abraham Bloomenson of Duluth, Minnesota.

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Mr. Ze'ev Gidron (Grodzienski), General Manager of Cargal, left for Europe on Wednesday by El Al to secure orders for Cargal's new plant at Lydda.

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The pianist Frank Pelleg will speak on "Musical Politics in Israel" at the weekly luncheon of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club at Z.O.A. House today (Thursday) at 1.15 p.m.

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Dr. M. Makin, Head of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Hadassah University Hospital, will lecture on "Bone Induction by Mucosal Transplant" today (Thursday), at 7.45 p.m., in Lecture Hall "A," Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.

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BIRTH AND BRITH MILAH

LAPIDOT — To Dalia (née Druyan) and Abraham Lapidot—a son. The Brith Milah will take place at 12 noon on Monday, December 29, at the Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem. Friends are cordially invited.

EPIDEMIC. — Ten more deaths occurred during the 24 hours ending on Tuesday night in the wave of gastro-enteritis that hit Karachi last week-end. The death roll in the epidemic is now 33.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

2.30, 6.45, 9.45

ARNON: This Happy Feeling.
EDEN: Les Girls.
OR GIL: The Best Years of Our Lives. 6, 9.45.
ORION: Afrika Hanam.
ORNA: A Certain Smile.
RON: Abandon Ship.
SEMADAR: The Man Who Knew Too Much.
TEL OR: Les Possedees.
ZION: Le feu aux poudres
EDISON: A Face in the Crowd.
STUDIO: Black Widow.

TEL AVIV

2.30, 7.15, 9.15

ALLENBY: This Angry Age.
ARMON DAVID: Montparnasse 19.
CHEN: Around the World in 80 Days. 5, 8.30.
EDEN: Gaal el-Banat.
ESTHER: The Barretts of Wimpole Street.
GAT: Wuthering Heights.
MAXIM: Song of the Red Rose.
MOGRABI: The Bridge on the River Kwai. 2.30, 6.45, 9.45
MIGDALOR: La Chatte.
OPHIR: Le Gorille Vous Salue Bien.
ORION: Les amants.
PEER: Thérèse Etienne.
RHEROTH: Les Mijoutiers du Clair de Lune.
TAMAR: The Great Dictator. 7.15, 9.30.
TCHELET: Oklahoma. 7, 9.30.
YARON: Hill in Korea.
YAMIR: Sweet Smell of Success.
TEL AVIV: The Fly.
ZAFON: Othello.

HAIFA

2.30, 6.45, 9

ORION: The Sheepman.
PEER: The Bridge on the River Kwai. 2, 6, 9.
ATMON: The Young Stranger.
GAL OR: The Road to Denver.
MORIAH: Silk Stockings.
ARMON: Around the World in 80 Days. 5, 8.30.
ZION: Tarzan and the Lost Safari.
ORLY: In Such a Night.
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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post December 25, 1958

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court Of Justice

Before Justices Cheshin, Agranat Goitein, Sussman, Landau, Berinson and Witkon

1. Minister of Finance. 2 Minister of Trade & Commerce. Petitioners, v. 1. Tankers & Shippers Ltd., 2. "Zim" Ltd., & Others, Respondents (Rehearing 3/58).

High Court Refuses Rehearing of Academic Issue

The Hight Court refused to give further consideration to a matter already decided by it on December 25, 1957 (in H.C. 123/57).

In its original decision the High Court held, by a majority opinion, that an agreement reached between the Government on the one hand and the Zim Shipping Company and two foreign companies on the other hand, whereby the three companies would have the exclusive right of transporting timber from Finland for a period ending December 1957, had created a monopoly which had no legal basis. It also held that the instructions issued by the Government to the effect that import licenses for timber from Finland should be tied to the condition that the timber be shipped by these three companies only, were devoid of all legal validity.

In January 1958, the Ministers of Finance and Trade & Industry applied to the President of the Supreme Court for leave to have the case reheard by an augmented High Court. This leave was granted by the President under section 8(b) of the Courts Law, 1957, which provides that the President of the Supreme Court may accede to a request for a rehearing of a case already decided upon by three judges of the Supreme Court if, in view of the importance, intricacy or novelty of the principle of law laid down in the Supreme Court judgment, there is, in his opinion, room for a rehearing.

When the issue was presented again before an augmented High Court, the Counsel for Tankers & Shippers Ltd., who had originally obtained the order nisi against the Government, raised a demurrer to the effect that the High Court should not enter into the merits of the case at all as the agreement between the Government and the relevant shipping companies had terminated in December 1957, and any further decision on the merits of the case would have academic value only.

The Attorney-General, Mr. Haim Cohen, assisted by Mr. Z. Terlo, appeared for the Ministers Mr. Firon and Mr. G. Shapira for the first respondents, (Tankers & Shippers Ltd.) and Mr. Kommissar and Mr. Tovbin for the second respondent (Zim Ltd.).

Decision

Justice Cheshin, who delivered the decision of the High Court considered each of the Attorney-General's exceptions to consideration of the demurrer in turn. In dismissing the argument that the High Court had no alternative but to reconsider the case on its merits in the light of the President's decision that there is room for such further consideration, he said that section 8(b) of the Courts Law lays down in exact detail the extent of the President's powers when considering an application for the rehearing of a case, and in accordance with this section the only factors which may influence the President's decision are those concerned with the principles of law laid down in the judgment given by the Supreme Court. If the President decides, therefore, that a case should be reheard for one of the reasons set out in section 8(b)—i.e. because of the importance, intricacy or novelty of the principle of law established, then he would be acting within the bounds of his jurisdiction and no court, whatever its composition, would be entitled to disagree with and overrule his reasons for granting a rehearing of the case. But this does not mean, continued Justice Cheshin that any court would be barred from hearing arguments not aimed at the principles established in the challenged judgment but raising generally accepted rules and practice the consideration of which does not come within the province of the President's exclusive jurisdiction.

As to the Attorney General's argument that it is in the interests of public welfare that the court give its attention to the legal question posed by the previous High Court judgment and that one of the purposes of granting a rehearing of a case is to serve the public welfare, he could not accept it, said Justice Cheshin, in the light of the unambiguous terms of section 8(b). For in accordance with this section, every litigant is entitled to apply for a rehearing of a case already settled by the Supreme Court, as it is the litigant who is aggrieved by the decision of the court, the general public having no part in his suffering or grievances. If, however, he continued, the legislator had wished to open the way towards overruling a decision at the Supreme Court on the grounds of public welfare, he would not have hesitated to broaden the circle of persons entitled to apply for a rehearing of a case so as to include even such persons as have no direct interest in it. But as the law now stands, its purpose in allowing a rehearing in certain circumstances is to allow the individual litigant an opportunity of achieving redress of his grievance and if there is no possibility of righting the wrong done to him, then there would be no purpose in rehearing the case. And the fact, held Justice Cheshin, that in the present case the individual litigant and the public have been amalgamated in the persons of the Ministers, does not in any way affect the substance of this rule.

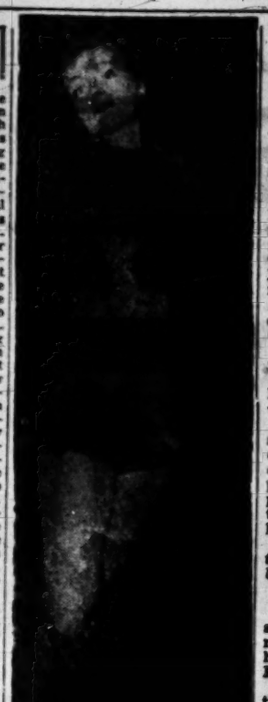
Justice Cheshin then went on to reconcile this ruling with the principles laid down by the president in Rehearing 4/57 (P.D. 13/25) pointing out that one of the considerations by which the President would be moved in deciding whether to grant an application for the rehearing of a case would be that of the interests of the public as a whole. But when the court which is rehearing the case is called upon to decide whether the issue is still real, it would not be moved by the interests of the public as a whole but solely by the interests of the individual litigant (see also Rehearing 8/58, P.D. 12/799).

Turning next to the argument that in its original decision the High Court had awarded costs in favour of the first respondent and that this was still a practical issue, Justice Cheshin held that this question had not been raised in the application for a rehearing before the President and could, therefore, not have influenced him in granting the application. Furthermore, the question of costs is merely ancilliary to that of rehearing the case as a whole and once the main issue was dismissed, it would not be desirable to consider the ancilliary issue (see Rehearing 8/58).

As to the argument that the original High Court ruling might lead to the first respondent's claiming damages against the Government, this was not a matter for consideration by the court, said Justice Cheshin, for it was not feasible that because of so remote a possibility the court should give its attention to a matter which was of no practical significance.

Justice Cheshin then went on to consider the demurrer itself, holding that as there is no longer any extant agreement binding the Government to give import licenses for timber on condition that the transport of the timber is undertaken by certain specific shipping lines and as there is consequently no longer any dispute between the parties, therefore any rehearing of the case would be in a vacuum (see 1944, A.C. 111 and C.A. 140/56, P.D. 11/1243). And, he continued the High Court has held on numerous occasions that it would not consider any petition if the granting of an order nisi in connection therewith should be ineffective and of academic value only.

The High Court decided therefore to accept the first respondent's preliminary argument and not to rehear the case on its merits. Costs of IL150 were awarded to the first respondents against the petitioners. Reasoned decision given on December 15, 1958.



PETER PAN

Express Photo

Sarah Churchill On London Stage

LONDON (Reuter). — Miss Sarah Churchill, actress daughter of Sir Winston Churchill, returned to the London stage on Tuesday night at the Scala Theatre in the title role of "Peter Pan," Sir James Barrie's famous fairy tale play. It is regularly revived here at Christmas.

Miss Churchill, who has not appeared in a West End theatre for 10 years, is the 32nd actress to play "The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up" since "Peter Pan" was first produced in 1904.

In the photo she is shown flying through the air — on wires.

IL 2m. Sought Abroad For Binyanei Ha'ooma Completion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The disparaging name, *Khirbet el-Ooma* — Ruins of the Nation, can no longer be used in describing Binyanei Ha'ooma," Mr. Meir Grossman told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview. In addition to his post as head of the External Relations Department of the Jewish Agency, he is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Binyanei Ha'Ooma, Ltd.

He was commenting on the work done on the building since 1950. More than IL3m. has been and is being invested in this operation.

He noted that IL2m. was still required to complete construction — to face two external walls with stone, to purchase and install chairs, to put in flooring, internal fixtures, and to finish the small hall which will seat 600.

He was willing to name this hall after anyone contributing funds to complete it.

Half-Million for Chairs

Furniture for the large 3,500-seat hall, which has been named after the late Menahem Ussishkin, alone will cost IL500,000.

Mr. Grossman was certain that the IL2m. would be raised. He was now trying to obtain a long-term, low-interest loan abroad. If he succeeds, the entire building would be completed within 18 months — in time for the 26th Zionist Congress scheduled for the summer of 1960.

If this seemed a long time — 10 years since work was started — it should be remembered that it took 12 years to finish Albert Hall in London, he pointed out. The 26th Congress — even if it met in an unfinished building — was still assured more comfortable quarters than any past Congress.

Future plans call for vehicles to drive up to the building to unload passengers. At present, car passengers must walk at least 100 metres to the building.

Warm Hall

Commenting on Ussishkin Hall, Mr. Grossman said that IL150,000 had been spent on the ceiling — providing it with the best acoustics in the country. It was estimated that by January 15 work on the heating and air conditioning units — which are being installed in an annex so their humming noise will not interfere with concerts — would be sufficiently advanced so that the Hall would be "pleasantly warm." It would take another three months to finish this project. Of the IL700,000 needed for this work, IL530,000 had already been earmarked.

It cost IL400 for electricity, cleaning, microphones, and ushers, above and beyond fixed overhead costs, to run the hall for one evening. Rental of the hall for one evening would cost only IL1,500.

Binyanei Ha'ooma could break even if it could hire out the hall about once a week. The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra has engaged it for 15 evenings, negotiations were under way to hold B'nai B'rith's World Convention here next summer, as well as an archaeological exhibition. Ussishkin Hall was too large to be used as a theatre. However, by the addition of a modern system of movable partitions, it was hoped to reduce its size considerably and make it suitable for staging plays.

RADIO. — All Greek broadcasting stations went back on the air on Wednesday after technicians decided to call off their three-day strike for higher wages.

LYDDA AIRPORT FLIGHTS

ARRIVALS: El Al 102 from Johannesburg, Leopoldville, Vili and Cano at 0930. Air France 139 from Teheran at 1530. El Al 408 from Istanbul at 1630. El Al 206 from New York, London and Athens at 1910. Alitalia 494 from Rome at 2230. Cyprus Airways 94 from London, Zurich, Athens and Nicosia at 2350. El Al 414 from London, Paris and Zurich at 2355. El Al 416 from Amsterdam, Cologne and Rome at 2355. Olympic Airways 701 from London, Paris, Rome and Athens at 2355.

DEPARTURES: Swissair 331 to Athens and Zurich at 0600. BEA 127 to Athens, Rome and London at 0615. Cyprus Airways 33 to Nicosia, Ankara, Istanbul. Roma, Nice and London at 0630. El Al 407 to Istanbul at 0900. TWA 801 to Athens, Rome, Geneva, Paris and New York at 1015. Sabena 538 to Athens and Brussels at 1030. KLM 536 to Rome and Amsterdam at 1215. El Al 307 to Rome, Paris and New York at 1500. Air France 139 to Rome and Paris at 1630.

Noah Was Albino, U.K. Doctor Says

LONDON (Reuter). — Noah who built the ark and saved all living things from extinction during the Biblical flood was an albino with white hair, pink eyes, and skin like snow, a doctor suggested on Wednesday.

Dr. Arnold Sorsby, Research Professor in Ophthalmology at the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal Eye Hospital, quoted from the little known Books of Apocrypha. Writing in the "British Medical Journal," he said it could be that Noah's father and mother were either brother and sister, or cousins.

Giving a detailed account of Noah's birth from the Book of Enoch, Dr. Sorsby described how Lamech — Enoch's grandson — was the father of a child "the flesh of which was white as snow and red as a rose, the hair of whose head was white like wool and long, and whose eyes were beautiful. When he opened them he illuminated all the house like the sun. The house abounded with light."

One of the Dead Sea Scrolls seemed, he said, to tell the story of Lamech's doubts as to whether the child was his and of his reassurances by his wife. "In the light of this fragment, the account of Noah's appearance at birth as given in the Book of Enoch is clearly not that of a miraculous child but of an Albino," Dr. Sorsby said.

Where to go

• **Meet the Israeli :** —
Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

• **Zoo :** —
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 8-6.

• **Exhibitions:** —
New Exhibitions: 10 Years of Archaeological Activities, 1948-1958. Special Exhibiton: New excavations at Kabri and Ahziv. Department of Antiquities, 26 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 3-5.
Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art. Expressionism. Jewish artists (from Museum Collection). Archaeological pieces. Samples of primitive sculpture. Bezalel Museum, 9-1; 2.30-5.
Exhibition of Oil Paintings and Monotypes by David Ben Shaul, Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.
Exhibition of Oil Paintings by Olga Freudman-Rado. Gouaches by Ferro, Bat Yosef. Nora Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Ave, 10-1; 3-6.

• **Tours** —
Hebrew University conducted tour in English, daily at 12 noon, New University Campus.
Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

• **Film Shows:** —
Israel Films daily, 11.30 Keren Hayesod Hall.

TEL AVIV

• **Restaurants**—
Italian specialities. Lunch, Dinner. Luky's Bar Restaurant, 3 Allenby Rd. First Class Italian menu at IL5. Phone 28753.

• **Zoological Gardens:** —
Open between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

• **Exhibitions**—
Paintings by Sarah Glickman-Faitlewicz. Artists' Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 10-1; 4-7.
Ya'acov Agam — "Painting in Movement — Transformable Painting." Tel Aviv Museum. 10-4.
Painters and Sculptors Gallery, Hamlin House, 26 Rehov Weizmann, 10-1; 4-7.

• **Tourist Service :**—
Visit Hadassah Club, 80 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 28328.
Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 26325, 8-2 p.m.

• **Entertainment :**—
"Les Ballets Africains de Keita Fodeba — 30 dancers, instrumentalists and vocalists, Ohel Shem, 4 and 8.30 p.m.

• **Z.O.A. House :**—
Social and Cultural — Quiz Evening (8:45 p.m.). Tourist Service (9 a.m.—6 p.m.).

• **Theatre :**—
Habimah, "Lysistrata," 8.

• **Entertainment** —
Dotgan & Baumacher: "Zeh vi du gehst," Mograbi, 8.30

HAIFA

• **Tourist Service:**—
Hadassah Club, Youth Aliyah Offices, 29 Rehov Hebalutz, Tel. 67328.

• **Exhibitions :**
Consumer goods exhibition: Lighting fixtures, linens, fabrics and toys. Industrial Design Exhibition Centre, Beit Hahranot, 10-1; 4-7.

• **Lecture :**—
GOLDEN AGE CLUB: Dr. Erich Bloch, Nahariya, on "The Vision of the Prophets and Our Time." Bnei Brith Home, 2 Wedgwood Ave., Central Carmel, 4.30 p.m. —Guests welcome.

PETAH TIKVA

• **Theatre :**—
Ohel, "The Respectful Prostitute," 8.30

TIVON

• **Theatre:**—
Habimah, "Street of Stairs," 8.

COMING EVENTS

• **Concerts :**—
First concert recorded music: "Marriage of Figaro" by W.A. Mozart, with the Vienna Opera Choir and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Explanation: Frank Pelleg: Community and Youth Centre Mt. Carmel, tomorrow, December 26, 1958, 8.15 p.m.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

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Dep. Loan 1949/59 (IL10)	96½
4% Comp. Loan 56/67	71
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3½% Tavel Bonds a)	97½
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Igroth 6½% Deb. 58/65	102½
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Assia Bajarano "B" sh.	67
Nesher 6% debs "A" 55/64	117
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10.30 a.m. Christmas Carols. 11.00 Popular Concert: Berlios: Overture "Le Cornair"; Boccherini: Cello Concerto in D, op. 34; Leopold Mozart: "A Musical Sleigh Ride." 12.00 Sephardic Tunes. 12.20 Lunchtime Music. 12.45 Housewife's Request Programme. 1.45 Where to Go? 1.50 Light Music. 2.30 Close Down.
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SECOND PROGRAMME
422, 469, 196.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 The Haifa Orchestra, conducted by Richard Korn: Bach: Preludes to Cantatas No. 42, 147 and 150; Copland: 2 Excerpts from "Billy the Kid." 6.30 Musical Bag. 7.00 French. 7.20 Yiddish. 8.00 Mograbit. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Rumanian. 9.15 Hungarian. 9.30 Polish. 9.45 News in English. 10.00 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
467 & 41.67 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 5.30—11.15 p.m. Persian 5.15 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.8 M.):
Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.37 "Thursday Column" — Walter Eytan. 6.45 Newsreel. 6.52 Afrikaans Programme.
Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News. 10.22 "Thursday Column" — Walter Eytan. 10.30 "Winter Holidays in Israel." 10.40 The Week's Portion.

ARMY PROGRAMME (49.4, 216, 225 & 255 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.32 Songs. 7.00 News. 7.15 "Bow & Arrow." 7.45 "Worth Listening To." 8.05 Noah's Ark. 8.50 "Intermezzo." 9.00 News. 9.15 Excerpts from Operas. 9.45 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS
(13.80, 16.84 & 24.80 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. Week's Feature.

MUSIC U.S.A. (19 & 25 M.): Voice of America: 9.00 11.00 Light music & jazz.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (434 & 495 M.): 7.45 a.m. News. 8.00 "Carols for Everyone." 9.00 Band Concert. 9.30 Bill McGuffie (Piano). 9.45 "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity." 10.00 Church Service. 11.00 The Billy Cotton Band Show. 11.30 "Christmas in a Four-Masted Barque." 11.45 "Songs of the Sea." 12.00 The Halle Orchestra. 1.30 News. 1.50 Children's Matinee. 2.30 Concert, the BBC Chorus and Concert Orchestra Commonwealth Programme. 5.00 H.M. the Queen. 7.00 News and Commentary. 7.10 "The Christmas Tree." 7.17 Carols. 10.00 Alec Guinness as "Scrooge" in "A Christmas Carol." 10.30 Joyce Grenfell in a Christmas Programme of her Songs and Monologues. 11.00 News.

Notices to the Public

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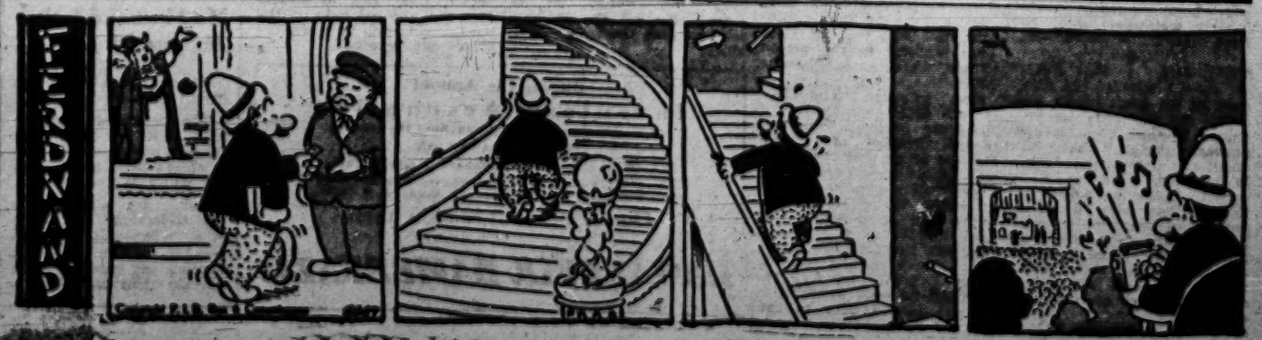

The Weather

WEATHER SYNOPSIS: A ridge of high pressure extending to the upper air is causing the present weather.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	83	9	16	16
Tiberias	68	11	25	25
Haifa Port	76	11	21	23
Nathanya	82	10	24	24
Tel Aviv Kirya	83	7	21	22
Tel Aviv Port	67	8	19	20
Lydda Airport	89	4	24	24
Jerusalem	88	11	19	19
Beersheba	94	5	24	25
Sdom	90	19	22	24
Eilat	87	9	26	26

"A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

The Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Shimon Peres, from the U.S. where he had spent a fortnight on behalf of the U.J.A. (by Air France).

The outgoing Israel Ambassador to Argentina, Mr. A. Kubovy, on completion of his tour of duty in Buenos Aires and Mrs. Kubovy (by Air France).

Mr. Meyer Weisgal, Chairman of the World Committee for the Tenth Anniversary and of the Executive Committee of the Weizmann Institute of Science, from New York (by El Al).

Rabbi David and Mrs. de Sola Pool for a stay of several months.

Mr. David Ferdman, Attache at the Cuban Legation, from a six-week tour of Europe (by Swissair).

Mr. Cecil Hyman, former Israel Minister to South Africa, from a Keren Hayesod mission in South Africa and Rhodesia.

Docent A. G. Sargenti from Switzerland and Prof. A. Bergini from Padua, to participate in the Scientific Conference of the Israel Association of Dental Practitioners, (by El Al).

Mr. Harry Zinder, Director of the Broadcasting Services, from a one-month trip to Europe, during which he attended the annual meeting of the European Broadcasting Union in Munich, and a UNESCO-sponsored meeting in Paris on the exchange of cultural radio programmes between East and West.

Mr. John Moody, of the Old Vic Company, for two months to stage a play for the Ohel Theatre (by El Al).

The English author, Kathleen Willcox, for a five-week visit as guest of the Government Tourist Corporation (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Conductor Jean Martinon, the new musical director of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, for Paris (by El Al).

Prof. J.C. Burkill, for London, after a fortnight's visit as guest of the Weizmann Institute (by Cyprus Airways).

The Hungarian writer Lajos Biky, for Athens after a fortnight's visit (by Swissair).

M. Arnan Buried In Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV. — Moshe Arnan, Director of the Standards Institute and Chairman of the Association of Engineers and Architects, was laid to rest on Wednesday in the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery. He died on Monday at the age of 58.

Hundreds of persons were in the funeral cortege including representatives of the Scientific Council, the Technion, the Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute, the Tel Aviv Municipality, U.S.O.M., public institutions, and professional associations. *(Itim)*

Shadmi Pleads Not Guilty; Hearings to Begin Late in Jan.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Aluf-Mishne Issachar Shadmi on Wednesday pleaded not guilty before a military tribunal to charges of murder of 25 Kfar Kasim villagers and to issuing illegal orders that led to the massacre in the border village on October 29, 1956.

A/M ISSACHAR SHADMI

On the fatal evening A/M Shadmi was in command of a brigade that included the Kafr Kasim area.

Long before the scheduled start of the trial in a wooden hut of the rehabilitation centre at Tel Hashomer at 4 p.m., the three benches set aside for the public were occupied by soldiers of all ranks. Journalists took up the two remaining benches.

No one from Kafr Kasim was present at the half-hour session of the tribunal.

After A/M Shadmi entered his plea and read out a nine-point prepared statement recalling the events of the afternoon of October 29, 1956, the prosecutor, Sgan-Aluf Moshe David, announced that he intended to summon an even dozen witnesses. He postponed his opening speech till the next hearing, which will be set by the President of the Court, Judge M. Kennet, on Thursday. Defence Counsel Ya'acov Salomon asked that it be brought forward to January 18, while S/A David requested that hearings should not begin before January 25.

Date Fixed Today

The main prosecution witness would be Shmuel Malinki, who was the officer (Rav Seren) to whom A/M Shadmi issued the orders in question, and who was sentenced to 17 years' imprisonment for his part in the massacre. Mr. Salomon estimated that Malinki would spend four days on the witness stand, and the rest of the witnesses another four days.

Strongly-built, 36-year-old A/M Shadmi conversed freely with friends, but said he was not allowed to speak to journalists. His wife sat behind him in the courtroom. He is on leave from the Army until the end of the trial.

Amateur Chemist Lands Self, Sister in Hospital

TEL AVIV. — A 16-year-old would-be "scientist" landed himself and his six-year-old sister in the Hadassah Hospital here on Wednesday when he manufactured an explosion from an assortment of chemicals at home.

Both Shimon Salzbuch and his sister, Tahala, were taken by ambulance to hospital, where their condition was said to be not serious.

POTASH WORKER HANGS HIMSELF

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA.—An employee of the Dead Sea Works committed suicide by hanging himself in the Works' mechanical workshop on Tuesday night. He is Gavriel Kassalai, 23, from Beersheba.

Tax Evader's Fine Almost Doubled

TEL AVIV. — A IL.4,800 fine imposed on a Tel Aviv industrialist for income tax evasion was increased to IL9,000 on Wednesday by the District Court. The Court turned down an appeal by Mordechai Koppler, owner of the "Bracha" carpentry workshop, against the size of the fine and allowed the appeal of the prosecution against its leniency.

The Assistant District Attorney claimed that the Magistrates' Court had erred in accepting as an extenuating circumstance the claim that a clerk had led the accused astray in concealing income of IL20,000. Koppler had admitted intentionally evading taxes, said the prosecution appeal.

The District Court declared that the size of the fine should approximate the profit made by the offender. The profit in this case was estimated at IL12,000, but in view of certain extenuating circumstances, the Court decided to impose only two thirds of the sum. *(Itim)*

Barazani and Mizrahi Appeal Life Sentences

Shoshana Barazani and Salah Mizrahi, who were sentenced last week to life in prison for the murder of a Ratisbonne watchman, Eliahu Sinani, on Wednesday appealed the sentence to the High Court.

The appeals, written by hand, were transferred to the High Court by the Warden of Ramle Prison, where the two are held.

While Mizrahi claims that he is innocent and asks that the verdict be reversed, Barazani claims that her punishment is too harsh. *(Itim)*

Joanovici Jailed Till Deportation

HAIFA. — Joseph Joanovici, due to be deported to France on Friday, was taken into custody on Tuesday. Joanovici, wanted by French police for income tax evasion, will be held until he boards the Theodor Herzl on Friday morning.

The Captain of the Herzl will be handed a copy of the deportation order, under which Joanovici is to be put ashore in Marseilles.

F & C Purchasers Still Short $1m.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol on Wednesday told the Knesset Finance Committee that the group of American investors who are negotiating for the purchase of the Government's share in Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. had so far managed to raise $1m. towards the $2m. down payment. Part of this sum was raised in Israel Development Bonds.

Mr. Eshkol added that the group, headed by Mr. Sam Rothberg, is now concluding legal arrangements for the investment in F. and C.

The Committee devoted its meeting to a discussion on the proposed sale, which the Minister of Development has bitterly opposed.

The Managing Director of the plant, Mr. Alexander Goldberg, told the Committee that although it would definitely have been preferable to concentrate Israel's basic chemical industry under one large firm, this was apparently impossible under the special circumstances prevailing. Nevertheless, Mr. Goldberg said, there is room for cooperation and integrated activities even under diversified ownership.

Coordinated research, centralized purchasing and marketing, the setting of price levels and import and export policies were fields in which the Government could continue to exert partial control on the chemical industry, even if it were to be privately owned, Mr. Goldberg said.

Reviewing Fertilizers and Chemical's development, he revealed that a total of IL-54m. has been invested in the firm, of which IL 34m. were in loans. The Government holds about IL16m. of the equity capital and has granted IL15m. in loans.

Chemical Plant Makes Own Nitric Acid

HAIFA. — Nitric acid, a key material in the chemical industry, is now being made in Israel.

Fertilizers and Chemicals announced here on Wednesday that it was running in its new plant, which has an annual capacity of 22,000 tons of industrial nitric acid of a concentration of 58 per cent. Its product is worth IL3m.

Nitric acid is an essential raw material in the manufacture of nitrogenous fertilizers and explosives. F. and C. will use it in the manufacture of ammonium nitrate fertilizer in a new plant to be commissioned in a few months. This is the last of the fertilizers still imported.

The nitric acid plant was erected entirely by F. and C. staff, using Belgian know-how and French equipment. The running-in is proceeding smoothly and performance is according to plan, the company reports.

CASH CIRCULATION DOWN BY IL6.7M.

Currency in circulation fell by IL6,722,597 during the week ending Tuesday, to stand at IL272,612,323, the Bank of Israel reported on Wednesday. Gold reserves rose by IL9,365, while foreign currency reserves declined by IL102,188; treasury bills and promissory notes by IL-1,657,000 and bills of exchange by IL4,972,776.

1,700 Pilgrims Cross Border, Ten Turned Back at Gate

Jerusalem Post Staff

An unusual atmosphere of warm feeling pervaded the Mandelbaum Gate border post in Jerusalem on Wednesday as spike-helmeted Jordan and smiling Israel policemen processed 1,700 Christian pilgrims who crossed into the Old City en route to Bethlehem to celebrate Christmas.

In bright, spring-like weather, unusual even here for the Yuletide season, the helpful police made the arrangements smoother for the pilgrims, mostly Israel Arabs arriving from all parts of the country as early as 5.30 o'clock in the morning.

Although the border post which marks the boundary between Israel and Jordan Jerusalem was opened only at 6 o'clock, the operation was completed by 9.30.

Most of the pilgrims took the opportunity of loading themselves with gifts for their friends and relatives across the frontier: Jaffa oranges, fresh fish and olive oil. Some even offered Israel oranges to Jordan policemen as refreshment.

Customs examination took place in tents erected at the post, and each person was allowed to take one Jordan dinar. Israel currency in their possession was handed to Israel officials who gave them receipts against which the money will be given back on their return to Israel on Thursday (today).

Zim Tourist Bag

One pilgrim from Nazareth, wearing a *keffiya*, carried a tourist bag marked "Zim Israel Navigation Co." A woman carried her three-month-old infant wrapped in a shawl printed with scenes of Israel marked in Hebrew letters.

For the first time in five years, newspapermen and press photographers were allowed free access into Mandelbaum Square. Veteran Jerusalem correspondents chatted freely and exchanged memories with colleagues from Mandatory days, although Arab Legion officers hovered near them. Jordan and Israel police officers chatted in a friendly manner, drinking tea and exchanging cigarettes. Mr. Raphael Levy, the Jerusalem District Officer for Minorities and Najati Nashashibi, the Liaison Officer of the Jordan Foreign Ministry, shook hands and greeted each other warmly. They were later interviewed by a B.B.C. correspondent.

The Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Bar-Yehuda, and Mr. S.B. Yeshaya, the Jerusalem District Representative, visited the Gate and inspected the crossing arrangements.

10 Turned Back

The only incident to mar the holiday spirit was when Jordan officials refused to admit 10 persons whose applications had been previously approved. They included a Polish Christian family of seven named Malinovsky, and a 35-year-old Polish woman from Jaffa, Yanina Ring. An 18-year-old Arab from Galilee burst into tears when told he could not cross. Another Galilee Arab was refused permission to enter Jordan.

Apart from the 1,700 pilgrims to go through the Gate were several tourists, both entering and leaving Jordan, and nuns of St. Vincent de Paul, who led across 86 of the blind and disabled children from their orphanage.

Seven families with members in Israel and Jordan met at the Gate by arrangement between the Israel and Jordan authorities.

Members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps crossed separately, since the Jordan authorities, as in the past few years, again refused to allow the crossing of the traditional convoy to Bethlehem via the old road.

Mandelbaum Gate, which is usually closed at 8 p.m., remained open all night, so as to enable the pilgrims, if they so desired, to return after the midnight mass.

Of the 743 Catholics allowed to enter Jordan, more than 400 had left Nazareth at 4 a.m. on special buses provided by the two local bus companies with the cooperation of the Bible and Land Tour Co., while another 200 were taken on Egged vehicles. The others had left for Jerusalem the previous day.

New 'Star' Over Bethlehem

A bright new "star" appeared momentarily over Bethlehem the day before Christmas, and will return today.

According to the United States Information Service, the American four-ton satellite, "SCORE" was over the Jerusalem area at 5.02 a.m. and 11.49 a.m. on Wednesday.

The satellite will reappear at 12.50 p.m. today (Thursday) moving from south to north. The satellite is visible to the naked eye in daylight hours, either at dawn or dusk.

Ersatz Mistletoe, Real Xmas Trees

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. — A local climber called Misad took the place of the traditional mistletoe with Christians celebrating Christmas here on Wednesday night and will no doubt be in evidence at New Year's parties next week.

Cypress wreaths have replaced holly, but real Christmas trees, Jerusalem pines, have been supplied to diplomats' families and U.N. personnel by the Forestry Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and by the Foreign Ministry. These trees, decorated with the traditional coloured lights, candles and Chinese bells have been given seasonal pride of place in the homes of Israel's foreign community.

The American Embassy here handled 40 applications for permission to cross into Jordan and visit Bethlehem. The British Embassy dealt with 20.

The children began their celebrations several days ago. On Sunday, a carol service was held at the Immanuel Church and a party at the American Primary School in Kfar Shmaryahu. Both children and adults got together to sing on Wednesday afternoon near a brightly lit Christmas tree at the USOM apartment block in Rehov Dubnov, while the U.S. Press Attache and Mrs. William Anthony, gave a party the same day at their Herzliya home for a dozen local children.

The local director of CARE, Mr. Waldo Tibbets, turned up as Santa Claus.

While most British Embassy personnel will remain in the Tel Aviv area for the holiday, the month-old son of Mr. Michael Wenner, British Commercial Attache, will be christened at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth on Christmas morning. The boy, Martin, was born at Beilinson Hospital.

No Gov't Stand Yet on Health Plan

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The report of the Kanev Committee on national health insurance has not yet been studied by the Government; the report also contained some minority recommendations; and no doubt the Government will give both majority and minority views full consideration.

This was stated by Labour Minister M. Namir in the Knesset on Wednesday. Intervening in the debate on hospital services, Mr. Namir seemed to be going out of his way to make it clear that he had not yet taken a stand on the Committee's report.

Replying to the statement of Dr. B. Avniel (Herut) that health service is too important a matter to be used as bait to enrol members into political or labour organizations, Mr. Namir said that the link between the Histadrut and the General Kupat Holim was not a matter of principle. The two had been separate in the past and might be so again in the future.

Dr. Avniel also asserted that in no country in the world is so much spent per capita on health services as in Israel. But we achieve less because of the multiplicity of bodies dealing with these services.

Unification of health services was also advocated by Mr. M. Kelmer (National Religious) and Mr. Z. Ben-Ya'acov (Agudat Yisrael). Mr. Y. Katz (Poalei Aguda) objected to proposals that Kupat Holim be nationalized.

Mr. Y. Khamis (Mapam) noted that considerable improvements in health services had taken place in Arab villages since the Mandate. While there was no discrimination against Arabs in the matter of health services, there is only one Arab hospital clerk in the country, he said.

The Minister of Health is to wind up the debate next week.

The Loan Bill (Financial Institutions) passed its second and third readings. As amended by the Finance Committee, it authorizes the Government to convert IL5m. worth of securities which were sold to financial institutions in 1953. They will carry tax-free interest of 4½% and will be redeemable on March 31, 1962.

Syrians Stealing Fishermen's Nets

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Local fishermen complained to police on Wednesday that their nets are being systematically stolen by the Syrians. The latest theft occurred on Tuesday near Kursi village (in Syrian territory) on the eastern shore of Lake Kinneret and was observed by one of the fishermen through binoculars.

Within the last two months, some 40 nets staked out by local fishermen have been stolen by the Syrians.

Bid to End Paper Mill Labour Dispute Today

Post Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — A further attempt to end the labour dispute at the Israel-American Paper Mills in Hadera will be made at noon today (Thursday) by the Government Labour Mediator, Mr. R. Shari, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

An inconclusive three-hour meeting was held here on Wednesday with a view to finding terms of reference for arbitration.

The dispute began last week when two employees, Hannah Laufer and Yona Zion, were suspended for instigating a slow-down in production in the sorting department. The Hadera Labour Council demanded their reinstatement, and followed this up by a two-hour warning strike on Wednesday morning.

The management on Wednesday wired Minister of Commerce and Industry Pinhas Sapir "to re-emphasize its desire to handle the dispute on the basis of its labour contract," which it claimed provided for dismissal in such cases. It is understood that Mr. Sapir contacted the Labour Ministry asking them to end the dispute.

Radio-Isotopes Used In Cardiac Diagnosis

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A preliminary report has been published in the latest issue of the "Israel Medical Journal" on research being conducted at the Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem on the increased radio-iodine up-take in the chests of persons suffering from coronary thrombosis.

Despite the positive results of the experiment so far, it was pointed out in University circles on Wednesday that only nine cases had been studied. Moreover, it is not yet clear whether and to what extent these findings may have practical application in diagnostic procedures in cases of heart attacks. These circles were therefore sharply critical of a sensationalized newspaper account that appeared on Wednesday morning, apparently based on the "Medical Journal" account.

The experiments were conducted by Prof. F. Dreyfuss, of the Department of Internal Medicine, Prof. A. Hochman, head of the Radium and Tumour Institute, Mr. M. Ben-Porath a physicist, and Dr. J. Menczel, an assistant to Prof. Dreyfuss.

In all nine cases the chest area in the region of the damaged heart showed a proportionally higher radio-iodine uptake than in seven control cases not affected by the disease, one day, two days and six to seven days after the radio-isotope had been administered. Research is now being continued into the exact nature of this phenomenon.

T.V. Set Made By Local Firm

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — A television set with a 17-inch screen manufactured in Israel was demonstrated by the Amzen Company at the Accadia Hotel here on Wednesday.

Mr. Shimon Eilman, a director of the firm, said that except for the vacuum tube and several of the receiver's hundreds of parts, the set was an Israel product. It could be put into production immediately if a local T.V. transmitter were in operation.

Also shown was an entirely new high-fidelity, nine valve, Superheterodyne radio, the Sonoramic, with three loudspeakers and six wave bands operated by piano-key style buttons. This was put on the market for the first time on Monday.

Trio of Hikers Walk 769km. Metulla to Eilat

EILAT. — Three young men arrived here on Tuesday after covering on foot a distance of 769 kilometres from Metulla to Eilat.

The marathon walkers are Nahum Baruchi, 21, Moshe Zar, 22, and Yehezkel Dagan, 21, of the religious trend kibbutz, Beerot Yitzhak, near Lydda. Their hike took them through the mountains of Galilee, Samaria, the wilderness of Judea, the wilderness of Zinn and the Arava.

They covered the distance in 22 walking days, stocking up on food every three days, and walking on the road only on the very last stage of their journey.

The walkers booked places on the first plane back north.

U.S. Scholarship Chairman Here

TEL AVIV (USIS). — Dr. Robert G. Storey, Chairman of the U.S. Board of Foreign Scholarships, has arrived in Israel for a three-day visit en route to New Delhi where he will participate in a meeting of the International Association of Jurists. The Board of Foreign Scholarships is a presidentially-appointed group responsible for the supervision of the Fulbright educational exchange programme, administered in Israel by the U.S. Educational Foundation.

While here Dr. Storey will meet with members of the board of the U.S. Educational Foundation and with officials of other educational institutions.

French Sudanese Here To Study Farming

LYDDA AIRPORT. — Four French Sudanese arrived here on Tuesday night by Air France for a two-month visit as guests of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Unique Ancient Vases Found

Stone vases, unusual in shape, of excellent workmanship, and of a type hitherto unknown in Palestine archaeology, were discovered this autumn in the fields of Kibbutz Kabri in Western Galilee, the Department of Antiquities reports. They may date back to the end of the fourth millennium B.C.E.

New excavations were also carried out by the Department in an ancient cemetery at Akhziv, between Rosh Hanikra and Acre. These tombs and their contents throw new light on local burial customs in the Israelite II and Persian Periods and are proof of the extensive trade of Palestine with the Phoenician Cyprus, and other Western Mediterranean regions.

Findings of the Kabri dig are now on exhibition at the Archaeological Museum of the Department in Jerusalem.

When kibbutz members found the stone vases in their fields, they informed both the Department and the Prehistoric Department of the Hebrew University. They had also found beads of semi-precious stones, a large obsidian core, a beautifully decorated obsidian lid and a stone figurine of a ram.

Mr. M. Prausnitz directed the excavations, in which three ancient levels were found. A tomb in the top section contained a stone vessel resembling one of the vases. Flint implements and a few potsherds were found

belonging to the end of the Caleolithic Period — the end of the fourth millennium B.C.E., leading to the belief that the stone vessels may belong to this period.

At the Akhziv dig several dozen tombs were cleared. It was pointed out that Dr. Ben-Dor 17 years ago excavated a number of shaft tombs in an adjoining part of the same cemetery which were similar to tombs found in the Lebanon and on the Phoenician coast dating to the period between 800 and 600 B.C.E.

Priest Goes to Jordan The Hard Way

A French priest crossed the lines into Jordan on Mount Zion on Wednesday and is now in the hands of the Jordan authorities. In response to an Israel query to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, the Jordanians promised that he would be returned to Israel soon.

The fact of the priest's detention in Jordan was first discovered by the Belgian Consul on a visit to the Old City on Wednesday afternoon. He informed the Israel authorities on his return.

הפרדס והפרדסן

MEASURES FOR COMBATING LOCUSTS

Further to our circular No. 30 of December 18, 1958 we wish to inform you that, after a discussion on the ways and means of promoting joint, efficient action in the combating of locusts in case of their appearance in the citrus area, we hereby propose the following arrangement, based on the general instructions we have received from the Board:

1. The Board's Agricultural Department to act as a central liaison staff with growers' representatives on the spot, and in cooperation with the Department for the Protection of Plant Life, in all important aspects of combating locusts. Departmental instructors will assist the local centres in operations wherever necessary (the Department's telephone number is: 82291, Tel Aviv).
2. Local representatives of citrus growers to begin at once to organize local staffs of the respective growers' areas, to appoint a responsible person and a deputy to facilitate the organized combat of locusts. Sprayers made available by the various organizations to be prepared for use in advance, and to be used for the benefit of all. Both the Agricultural Department as well as residents of the different areas should be briefed on the site of anti-locust operations, the persons in charge of operations, etc.
3. The following are the regional headquarters, any of which should be contacted in case locusts make their appearance or a need for insecticides arises:

Care should be taken to describe the exact location of locusts.

(a) Southern Area: "Tnuva Export" Packing House, Rehovot. Tel. 961178, Rehovot
(b) Sharon Area: "Pardesa" Packing House, Petah Tikvah. Tel. 911378, Petah Tikvah.
(c) Shomron Area: "Yakhin" Packing House, Hadera. Tel. 2358, Hadera.

4. Apart from immediate, independent action in combating locusts, any one of the following centres should be immediately notified:

The Department for the Protection of Plant Life

Dr. E. Greenberg	Tel. 81213, Tel Aviv
Mr. Gideon Cohen	Tel. 24587, Tel Aviv
Dr. Reznik	Tel. 932336, Herzliya
	Tel. 29501, Tel Aviv

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passed away in Jerusalem on Wednesday after a prolonged illness. Funeral arrangements will be announced on the Municipal billboards.

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Director of the Standards Institute and a member of the Israel Foundations Trustees and extends its deepest sympathies to the bereaved family.

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Amnon Weinberger

at the age of 10. after a serious illness.

The burial will take place at Kfar Shmaryahu at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Transport from Tel Aviv will leave Kopel Tours, 4 Rehov Czernichovsky.

Please refrain from condolence calls.

Chava, Uri, Gadi Weinberger—Nof Yam.

On Sunday, December 28, 1958, at 2 p.m. the first anniversary of the sad passing away of our beloved

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Uruguay Stages Quiet Revolt

First Change in Government in 50 Years

By J. HALCRO FERGUSON

LONDON, (OFNS). — URUGUAY, Latin-America's oldest democracy, quietly made history last month, when for the first time in 50 years the Blanco — or more conservative — Party achieved a majority in a national election. The victory was achieved at the expense of the Colorado — or more liberal — Party, who had won a small majority in every Uruguayan election since the beginning of the century.

Blanco and Colorado have about as much ideological significance in Uruguay as Republican and Democrat in the United States. The words mean "white" and "red." Normally, rural Uruguayans vote Blanco, in the same way that white Southerners vote Democrat — because their grandfathers did.

Despite its entrenched tradition the Colorado Party initiated the world's first Welfare State, well ahead of Chile, New Zealand or even Sweden. It was certainly well ahead of Great Britain in 1945.

The initiator of the Uruguay Welfare State was Dr. Jose Batlle y Ordonez, who was President between 1903 and 1907 and again from 1911 to 1915. In a way, too, Batlle has as much right to be called the Father of his Country as Jose Gervasio Artigas, the guerilla leader who, in the early 19th century, led the struggle for independence against the Spaniards. For Uruguay's liberation was followed by almost a century of spasmodic civil war, in which the Blancos and the Colorados took turns to occupy Montevideo and control the country with varying degrees of authority.

Batlle, by the sheer force of his personality, turned Uruguay into a respectable democracy almost single-handed, and today it is as hard to imagine the Uruguayans indulging in riot and revolution as it is to conceive of the Danes or the New Zealanders. But Batlle realized that the forms of democracy meant nothing if gross social inequalities persisted — a lesson which no other Latin American country except Costa Rica was to learn for a long time, and which some have not learned yet.

Batlle and his party therefore began introducing a programme of social legislation which makes impressive reading: the eight-hour day was introduced in 1915, the six-day (later five-day) week in 1920, a minimum wage in 1928, holidays with pay in 1933, family allowances in 1943, and heavy compensation on dismissal in 1944. Workers' accident compensation was brought in in 1914, old-age pensions in 1919, and unemployment compensation in different industries from 1939 onwards.

So democratic had Uruguay become that in 1951 a Colorado Government called a referendum asking the population whether they wanted a constitutional reform which would replace the Presidency with a nine-man Collegium, six members chosen from the majority party and three from the minority, or Opposition. The electorate voted yes.

This was a posthumous triumph for Batlle, who had died in 1929, and who had originally thought of the idea.

A truism, though increasingly an untrue one, is that Latin America has no middle class. Early this year, an Uruguayan newspaper conducted an inquiry: "Have we a middle class" The conclusion it reached was that not only did Uruguay have a middle class, but that practically everybody belonged to it.

Middle Class Standards

If middle class is assessed by standards of living and education this — in the towns — is perfectly true. One example: a Negro Uruguayan widow who works in a meat-packing plant and almost belligerently describes herself as a worker, has a three-room flat with all modern conveniences including a refrigerator, in a so-called "Red" working-class district of Montevideo which boasts an all-night bus service; she takes a taxi when she can't be bothered to wait for the next bus, and sends her teenage daughter to a fee-school where English is a compulsory subject.

But, of course, there was another side to all this. In the first place, Uruguay's rural population, who produce the wealth of the country (and vote Blanco when they do vote), were somewhat neglected by Batlle's reforms. Secondly, the huge civil service and the Welfare State were keeping Uruguay almost permanently in the red — a fact pointed out by Uruguayan businessmen over the years. Their remarks can be accepted as reasonably disinterested, since Uruguay has no income tax and most of these businessmen acquire progressively larger cars and more desirable residences.

This helps to explain the Blanco victory. Another factor is the personality of the younger of the Blanco's two principal leaders, Benito Nardone, a disgruntled defector from the Colorados who saw the importance of two things — the usually apathetic rural vote and the radio. He courted the one and bought time on the other. It has paid off.

FATHER CHRISTMAS ARRIVES

What has he got in the sack?

By arrangement with "Ma'ariv"

VISITORS' GALLERY: Mr. Robert Finigan

B.B.C. Producer Finds Kol Yisrael 'Amazing'

FOR Mr. Robert Finigan it was a nostalgic experience to walk into Broadcasting House in Jerusalem. The last time he was there was in 1948 when he ran the English section of the Palestine Broadcasting Service of the Mandatory Government. Now B.B.C. producer in the Current Affairs Group for overseas talks, he came here a couple of months ago under the auspices of UNESCO, to help Kol Yisrael with educational programmes.

Jerusalem looks much the same, Mr. Finigan says, but "You get a funny feeling for a few days — why have people suddenly got grey hairs?". Yet after meeting old friends — some from P.B.S. days — and walking around the same building, the years seemed to drop away.

Education for All

"Educational programmes" covers almost everything, he said, from broadcasts for immigrants to general cultural features. He is now giving a course of lectures to Kol Yisrael producers, as well as working with individual ones, commuting between the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv studios. They are basically two courses, one on the nature of the medium, and the other on the philosophy underlying the use of broadcasting as a social instrument.

In conversation with Mr. Finigan, a ruddy faced man with a small, fair, pointed beard under a pair of pale blue eyes — the popular notion of the B.B.C. prototype — it becomes apparent that he gives his mind to the philosophical aspect of his work. Quoting an Israel sociologist (he had re-studied the Israel scene before coming here), he defined the real function of education through broadcasting as "On the one hand, selection of an *elite* capable of carrying out social roles which require education, and on the other hand, instilling a belief in training in science, in constructive criticism, etc., even in those strata of people which do not make practical use of them."

Regarding Kol Yisrael's broadcasts, Mr. Finigan says that much now depends on its scheme for setting up listening posts throughout the country. Till then — April — Kol Yisrael is like a hunter using a shotgun instead of a high calibre rifle against an elephant, because he is not sure of his target. "It is better" he says, "to hit a limited target than miss a big one." The establishment of listening posts will be a most important step, especially in view of radio's new audiences. Since 1939, the B.B.C. has interviewed about three million persons a year.

Asked if he could suggest any programmes for Kol Yisrael, Mr. Finigan thought that in Britain the B.B.C. did much more current affairs broadcasts close to events, as distinct from news. World events have made the British people far more receptive to this than previously.

Wake Up to Culture

His "pet baby," he confesses, is breakfast-time broadcasts of light features and talks, short and crisp (the latter requirement surely welcome in Kol Yisrael!) "When people wake up, we give them a review of a concert the night before, or a of a report on a film premiere, perhaps talking to the star on the spot or the commissionaire." The morning, when people are fresh, is one of the best broadcasting times, and "I'd bet that it would go over here."

Before joining the P.B.S., Mr. Finigan ran the British Forces radio station in Jerusalem. Speaking of the great effectiveness of outside broadcasts — he considers Peter Frye's programmes most exciting — he recalled that in P.B.S. days the only recording equipment was a huge steel tape recorder machine bolted to the floor. Portable recorders were not known and work was entirely centred in Broadcasting House, except for perhaps a relayed concert.

Finigan has kept tabs on some of his old P.B.S. colleagues. Matheson-Cullen, No. 2 English section, is, since 1948, station manager in Penang, Malaya; Alex Josey, P.B.S. Controller of News Department, is now a correspondent in Malaya for several Western newspapers; Joan Pallett, children's programmes, is on the European Service of the B.B.C.; "Reggie" D. Smith, original controller of English and Hebrew sections in the old days when radio was part of the postal services, is a senior B.B.C. drama producer, while his wife, Olivia Manning, familiar to Jerusalem circles, who often appeared on radio drama here, is a well-known novelist in Britain. It was fantastically small outfit, he mused, but it provided the cadre for Kol Yisrael.

With its facilities and personnel, Kol Yisrael's performance is "amazing," in Mr. Finigan's opinion. Its original output, compared with services of comparative size, is incredibly high.

SHALOM COHEN

Learning from the Swiss

'Quality and Precision' Conquer Markets

By PAUL KOHN

BASLE — THE late President Chaim Weizmann always looked upon Switzerland as a model for Israel. Our Ambassador in Berne, Mr. Joseph Linton, who was Weizmann's political secretary and personal friend, relates that Weizmann wished to see Israel take three examples from the Swiss — their way of thinking, their educational system, and their love for work well done. And there is plenty more we could copy from the Swiss.

Switzerland is today the "richest of the poor countries." It considers itself poor because one-quarter of the country's area is bare rock, or covered with ice and snow. The country, twice the size of Israel, has a population of five million. Only three-fifths can be supported by the country's agriculture, and food is a major import. Nor has Switzerland any mineral resources worth mentioning.

Yet the Swiss are the richest citizens of Europe. Their prosperity and individual well-being immediately strikes the visitor, whether it be in city or village, in the German, Italian, French or Romanche-speaking part of the country. The Swiss eat and drink well and vacation often. A winter sports vacation as well as a summer holiday are considered necessities. The blue-uniformed street cleaner earns as much as the El Al ground hostess at Zurich airport — in the region of 800 francs, or about IL400. And taxation is much lower than Mr. Eshkol's.

Switzerland has not had a war for over 300 years and does not appear in danger of one. But it is also the intelligence and hard work of the Swiss that have raised the economy of the country to a remarkable level, considering that it is a country with few raw materials and no seaport. (It is, however, blessed with an abundance of water, and 900 power stations turn its mountain torrents and rivers into electricity). Its leading industries work on the principle we are aiming at, "Export or Die." Swiss industry imports foreign raw materials and goods, works and improves on them and exports the result, gaining very handsome profits. "Quality and Precision "is its motto.

Developed Industry

The chief industries of Switzerland are metal, including heavy machinery and engines; watchmaking; textiles; foods; and the chemical and wood industries.

Basle, a city the size of Haifa, has in less than 50 years grown from a Rhine fishing village to one of Europe's busiest inland harbours. Investments of $40m., almost entirely Swiss, have produced a conglomeration of large railway marshalling yards, mountains of coal, gas works, silos, barges, tankers and cranes in this otherwise attractive city. How fast a harbour can grow may be grasped by the fact that in 1910 the port's turnover was 64,700 tons, in 1937, 3,000,000 tons and in 1957, nearly 5,000,000 tons. Haifa's annual turnover is about 2,000,000 tons. Ninety-two per cent of Basle's 1957 traffic was imported materials. The import list was headed by coal and coke (2,000,000 tons), fuel (1,200,000), and grain (544,000 tons). Exports comprised mainly metal products and slag (184,000 tons), food and processed fodder (71,000) and chemicals (25,000 tons). About 2,000 persons earn their living from the port.

An example which Israel is trying hard to imitate is the rural character of Swiss industrial settlements. Switzerland had dozens of well-rooted Kiryat Gat-like towns. Only five cities have a population of over 100,000 and only one a population of more than 250,000. Another five towns have between 50,000 and 100,000 inhabitants. As a result of this decentralization of the urban population, you find no gloomy industrial centres or slums in Switzerland. One-fifth of all ware-earners are employed in agriculture or forestry.

In a country which lays so much stress on skilled labour, it is natural that Switzerland had reached a very high standard of education. Illiteracy has long been wiped out. The country's universities and higher institutes of learning are second to none and have 12,000 Swiss and 4,500 foreign students. The foreigners include about 1,000 Americans, 850 Germans, and further down the list, 150 Israelis. Most of the Israelis are studying medicine and biology, and are said to be of a "high standard." There are seven Universities in Switzerland, the oldest, in Basle, dating back to 1460. Vocational training schools are attended by some 200,000 pupils at a time.

Theatre and Art

The high standard of education has produced an active intellectual life. The Swiss not only go to theatres, concert halls and art galleries, but personally act, play and paint. Many small towns have their own theatre companies, reputed to be of a high level, and art galleries.

At the Pestalozzianum Pedagogical Institute in Zurich, our group of visiting Israel journalists, guests in Switzerland of the Swiss Tourist Office and El Al, were told by Mr. Hans Egli, the Office's Acting Director, that "In Switzerland, unlike you in Israel, we strive to retain the individual identity of our different communities. We believe that it is neither language nor race which go to make a nation. It is common experience that create the similarity of mind and feeling which is a characteristic of national community." These un-Israeli and perhaps unconventional ideas about what constitutes a nation does not worry the Swiss whose 22 cantons claim four different mother tongues. The religious composition of the country shows slightly more Protestants than Catholics and four Jews for every 1,000 citizens.

Switzerland has been able to keep out of power politics and wars and its neutrality has since 1816 (Paris Convention) become a provision of international law and guaranteed by the major European powers, including Russia. Yet, she has compulsory military service and takes all steps to safeguard herself from attack. During World War Two, she had 800,000 men in uniform.

Switzerland also has its "border incidents." In the Lugano region, the smuggling of coffee, sugar or tobacco to Italy is daily business. It keeps the Swiss army busy and it does not hesitate to shoot at smugglers if need be. They face a battle of wits: one man did splendid business until it was discovered that he was sailing his own little submarine across the border and past Customs, under the waters of lake Lugano. The Swiss tourist guides have not hesitated to make this game into a "tourist attraction," and *bona fide* smuggling here was recently filmed by an enterprising Hollywood unit.

This is the third of a series of articles. The others appeared on December 17 and 18.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Academy Decision Lauded

Davar (Histadrut) welcomes the establishment of the Israel Academy and the Centre for the Advancement of Human Culture, especially in view of the approaching second industrial revolution, which will be mainly scientific in character.

Haboker (General Zionist) wonders that the Academy was not established before. "Therefore," it adds "great and perhaps momentous credit is due to the family of the late Mr. Van Leer — whose name is connected with the law adopted this week in the Knesset, according to which the Centre for the Advancement of Human Culture is to be established —for adopting the idea and agreeing to place its institution, which is to be built in Jerusalem, at the disposal of the Academy."

Herut noting that the National Labour (Herut) Federation's Sick Fund is about to make its proposals for a national health insurance scheme, demands the establishment of a special state authority to provide health insurance for all.

Ha'aretz (non-party) finds the decision on wages policy adopted by the Histadrut's Trade Union Department "are better than could have been expected in an election year."

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda), commenting on the evening's meeting of the Agricultural Council, says that what is needed first of all is to regulate the growth of dairy farming by the more rational allotment of cows to each farm unit, and especially by the drastic cutting down of the monocultural farms and their direction toward mixed farming. The paper denies the existence of a farming crisis and calls for attention to the problem of expanding agriculture in areas that are still desolate.

READERS' LETTERS

Car Tax Queried

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — If somebody buys a truck or delivery van he does not pay purchase tax implying that he needs such a vehicle in order to carry out his work.

Why, therefore, should a doctor pay purchase tax for a car he is buying in order to carry on his work in the best possible way? Nobody will deny that there is no other profession where a car is so essential and of such utmost importance as it is in a doctor's work. Sometimes it is a question of life or death to reach the patient in time.

If it is not possible to free the doctor completely from such a tax, he should at least get a reduction in recognition of his particular status.

Yours, etc.,
A DOCTOR,
(Name & Address Supplied)
Haifa.

Treasury Replies

The law of Customs and Excise and Purchase Tax (Cancellation of Special Exemptions) abolished, as of October 1, 1957, most of the exemptions which had previously been given to government and public institutions as well as to individuals.

This law also stated that no regulations may be issued allowing special exemptions.

Therefore, without entering into the problem of whether a car is essential to a doctor and whether one can consider it professional equipment — questions that are not within our competence — it is obvious that it is impossible, within the existing framework, to allow any exemption, full or partial, as is requested by your correspondent.

In light of his observations in connection with trucks, it is worthwhile clarifying that there is a distinction between a special conditional exemption — that is, an exemption granted to a certain category of people on a commodity which is in itself dutiable — and a general exemption, given on a certain commodity without any distinction as to who acquires it.

The nature of such exemptions is different and while the law abolishing exemptions covers the former, it does not cover the latter.

By the way, there is a purchase tax on commercial motorized transport and certain delivery vans, despite the fact that they are intended for the business of the owner.

A. MANDEL
Information and Public Relations Internal Revenue Office
Jerusalem, December.

We are informed by the Treasury that the new vehicle import plan will have no effect on the principle involved in the above exchange of correspondence. — Ed.

KEEPING POSTED

AN American visitor writes that he had met the new head of Israel's Armistice Affairs, Mr. Avraham Biran, while the latter was still Consul General in Los Angeles. He felt most adventurous when he accepted an invitation to join Mr. Biran on a trip to the Negev because he learnt that meanwhile Mr. Biran had been appointed head of Armistice

Affairs in the Foreign Ministry. Armistice affairs must be a delicate, even dangerous, matter he felt.

My ideas were confirmed when we reached a junction of roads, and were joined by a Colonel in the Israel Army. We drove on to Kilometre 95. Of course they tried to reassure me that our mission was not risky by pretending — as I thought — to be interested in the new settlements and the new crops and the new roads. We skirted the Gaza strip. And all I saw were more and more new settlements, and newly ploughed land. But even though we saw no troops, except for the bored garrison at 105, I was not deceived. They were trying to reassure me with their talk about new plantations.

When we arrived at Beersheba — this was more like it. The pretence could no longer be continued. We went to the Army offices in the city and Avraham and the Colonel and the officer in command spent an hour discussing — all of the military secrets of the area. I knew this was what they were discussing because the officer kept unrolling maps of the area which were concealed behind canvas curtains. I was sure that the legend on each map said: "Top secret." I enjoyed a cup of Turkish coffee while these high level strategic conversations continued in Hebrew — convinced that a new campaign was being worked out.

Finally, Avraham said — in English — "Let's go see the works."

We all departed to the courtyard, and I started to get in the car. I was told that we would go in a command car. Now I was sure that I was about to be taken to visit the secret military defence installations.

We drove away as only one can in a command car. No springs. Much grinding of gears. Much conversation in Hebrew with excited gestures by the officer. Over pavement to the outskirts of the city. Then over open country and up and down hills and valleys to a knoll outside the city. Here I saw a tent and a number of people digging. I knew that I was about to witness the excavations for machine gun emplacements — mountain howitzers — even secret weapons.

When we arrived, I was introduced to an archaeologist, Jean Perrot. We visited the "dig" that he had been excavating for some seven years. I had forgotten archaeology, his personal hobby, and that Avraham is an archaeologist by training. On the way home, I told them of my disappointed expectations. He thought it was funny.

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ANOTHER visitor declares that all this tourist propaganda business is not so far off the mark. She went to a cinema on a cold, wet, *dark, dreary day in London a couple of weeks ago, and saw a delicious travelogue of people bathing at Eilat, basking in pink sand and golden sunshine. She made up her mind on the spot that she would come and catch some of this sun. Now that she was here she really was revelling in the extraordinarily warm, dry weather, absolutely perfect, and much better even than she had been led to believe by the El Al Office in London. The only thing she couldn't understand was that when she told Israelis about this, they all looked glumly into the lovely sunshine, didn't seem to be enjoying it, and instead began to mutter about the drought and the millions it was costing to water the oranges when it should be raining.*

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A CONFIRMED bachelor has passed on to us a nice little piece of Jerusalem folklore and custom. It seems he lives in a furnished room and sends all his washing out to a small laundry in the neighbourhood. Just recently his landlady was away for long visit and he had the bathroom to himself. To save a little money he washed his underwear at home, but went on sending out the shirts and things that need ironing. When the laundryman next came to deliver, he handed over the package with a warm "Mazal Tov!" What were the good wishes for? Well, hadn't he got married? No? He had said to his assistant, there see, the young fellow at No. 22 must have got married, because he's only sent the shirts. It's wives who never allow underwear to be sent to the laundry, they consider it a waste of money.

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AS opposed to these pseudo-wife habits, a real wife writes that she bought what she considered a handsome tie for her husband on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. She chose it carefully, but in the end discovered that it did not go

well with the new sports jacket for which it was intended. There was no time to change the tie and she presented the little package to her husband as it was. He agreed that it didn't match and put it back on the sideboard, where it lay forgotten for a week. At this point the wife took the jacket to the shop with her, returned the tie, chose another that matched perfectly and, by force of habit, put it back on the sideboard where the other had been. That very evening her husband noticed that the tie was still lying there, as he thought, unwrapped it, got out the new jacket, which was back in the cupboard, held the two up to the light carefully, and observed that she was right, it really didn't go with the material, and she had better change it.

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